

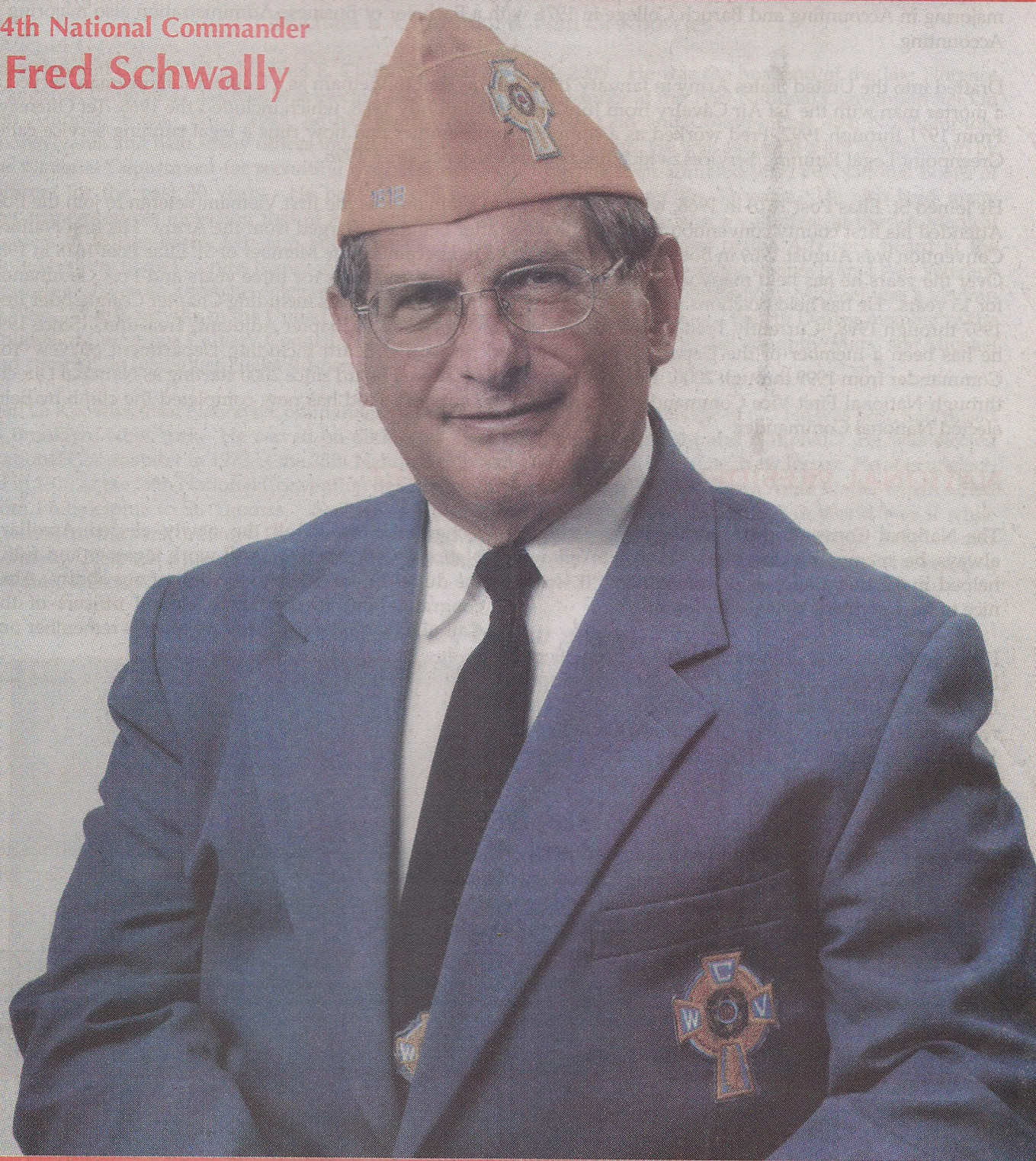
CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



July - September 2009

54th National Commander
Fred Schwally



INTRODUCING YOUR NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER

Fred P. Schwally

Fred Schwally was elected 54th National Commander of the Catholic War Veterans on August 20th at the 2009 National Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Fred currently resides and lives (along with his sister) in the same house!

Fred's education started at St. Alphonsus Parochial School, graduating June 1960; Eastern District High School completed June 1964. Fred graduated from New York Community College with an Associate Degree in 1972 majoring in Accounting and Baruch College in 1976 with a Bachelor of Business Administration also majoring in Accounting.

Drafted into the United States Army in January 1967, he was sent to Vietnam as a Combat Infantryman, served as a mortar man with the 1st Air Cavalry from July 1967 through July 1968, which included the 1968 Tet Offensive. From 1971 through 1992, Fred worked as a computer programmer and now runs a legal running service called Greenpoint Legal Running Services, which has been in existence since 1996.

He joined St. Elias Post 1618 in 1968, while still serving in Vietnam was the first Vietnam veteran to join the Post. Attended his first county convention in 1969, one week after being discharged from the Army. His first National Convention was August 1969 in Boston, Massachusetts. Fred became a Life Member of St. Elias Post 1618 in 1982. Over the years he has held many positions in his Post including Treasurer for three years and Post Commander for 15 years. He has held positions in Kings County Chapter for many years including Chapter Commander from 1997 through 1998. Currently, Fred is Post Adjutant and Kings County Chapter Adjutant/Treasurer. Since 1992, he has been a member of the Department of New York Executive Board including Department of New York Commander from 1999 through 2000. Fred has been on the National Board since 2000 starting as National Director through National First Vice Commander. Thanks to your support, Fred has now completed the climb by being elected National Commander.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT - LUPITA MARTINEZ

The National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada will always be memorable for me. Thanks to all who helped make this a successful convention. It was so nice to have so many delegates present

I am so proud and honored to have been elected National President. Thank you for all of your support. I will do my best to serve in a dedicated and responsible manner and represent the Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary with honor and respect.

Congratulations to all the newly elected Auxiliary National Officers. Let us all work together and fulfill the duties of our office to the best of our ability. Also, congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Catholic War Veterans. May we always remember our motto...*For God, Country and Home.*

SUGGESTION - - SUGGESTION - - SUGGESTION

To those who usually send floral arrangements to funerals, consider sending a donation to National Headquarters for the Thomas J. Cuite Scholarship Fund, in memory of the deceased. A thank you to the donor will be sent, with a copy to the family of the deceased, acknowledging receipt of the tax deductible contribution.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

ALL proposed amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws presented at the 2009 National Convention, recently held in Las Vegas, Nevada, were disapproved.

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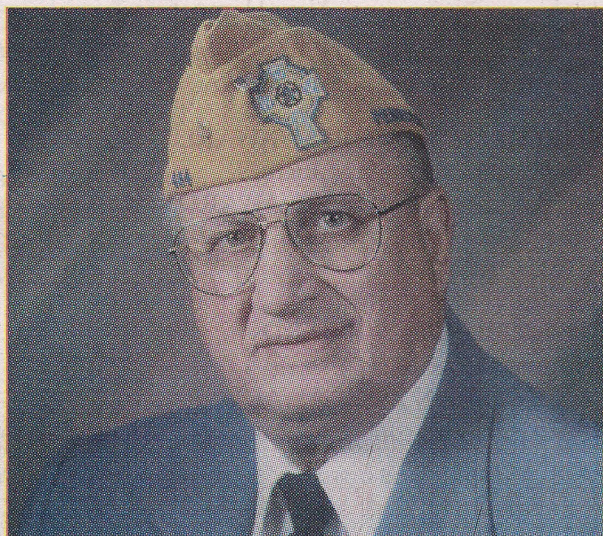
CWV LOSES TWO PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS

Michael E. Chuhinka & Neil G. Knowles

Past National Commander Michael E. Chuhinka died April 11, 2009. He was the husband of the late Florence (Pangonis) Chuhinka. Michael was elected 46th National Commander at the 1999 National Convention held in San Antonio, Texas. Since 1955, he has been a member of For God and Country Post 454, Northampton, Pennsylvania and held many offices including that of Post Commander. He was awarded a life membership by the National Department for recruiting over 100 members. He has been affiliated with the National Board of Officers for the past 30 years. He held the office of National Treasurer for 22 years. He also held many Department offices including that of Adjutant and Executive Director. He was a volunteer at the VA Medical Centers in Wilkes-Barre, Lebanon and Coatsville. He was a charter member of the Advisory Board at the Hollidaysburg State Veterans homes in Pennsylvania. He served as a delegate on the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council and was an alternate delegate on the Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission. Michael was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Coast Guard from 1943-46. He was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Calvary Council 525, Allentown, PA. He is survived by his daughter Mary, son Michael and companion/caregiver Helen Bushspies.

Neil G. Knowles, Past National Commander, passed away April 5, 2009, at the age of 87. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. He served on all levels - Post, Chapter, Department and National. He was elected National Commander in 1973 at the 38th National Convention held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He was re-elected in 1974 at the 39th National Convention held on the Greek Line Flagship TSS Queen Anna Maria, which sailed from Philadelphia to St. Thomas. Neil was a Combat Medical Technician who served in World War II while attached to the First Infantry Division. He served in France, the Battle of the Bulge, Holland, Belgium and Germany. Neil was a life member of Lt. David Schnaars Post 1831/NY. At the time of his death, he was residing in Palm Harbor, Florida.

May they rest in peace!



2008-09 NATIONAL OFFICER'S AWARDS

	POST	DEPARTMENT
1st VICE COMMANDER		
Americanism:	1st American Martyrs 1772/NY	Connecticut
	2nd Our Lady of Peace 1947/NV	New Hampshire
	3rd Greater El Paso 1939/TX	Texas
Chapter Award:	1st Queens/NY	
Catholic Action:	1st St. Remy 0661/OH	New Hampshire
	2nd Shenango Valley 1446/PA	Ohio
	3rd American Martyrs 1772/NY	Connecticut
Chapter Award:	1st Queens/NY	
2nd VICE COMMANDER	1st Greater El Paso 1939/TX	Connecticut
	2nd Lt. McLaughlin 1943/GA	Ohio
	3rd Astoria 1/NY	Texas
No Chapter Awards		
3rd VICE COMMANDER		
Outstanding Post, Department:	1st Father Hickey 0731/PA	Pennsylvania
	2nd Danbury 1042/CT	Maryland
	3rd Msgr. Monaghan 0736/MD	Connecticut
Outstanding Individuals:	1st Ernie Beck - Post 0731/PA	
	2nd Lawrence Durkin - Post 1042/CT	
	3rd Herbert Markowski - Post 0736/MD	
Outstanding Chapter:	No Awards	
WELFARE OFFICER		
Best Post & Department:	1st Our Lady of Peace 1947/NV	Michigan
	2nd Stephen Duchon 1847/MI	Illinois
	3rd St. Patrick 0766/MD	Ohio
HISTORIAN		
Newsletter Awards:	1st Andrew R. Strable 0318/MI	Ohio/The Buckeye Veteran
	2nd Saint-Marie 1749/NH	NJ - The Challenger
	3rd Rev. Louis Ramsay 1624/NH	No Award
No Chapter Awards		
Special Award	Robert J. Desrochers/NH	
Best Program	Richard Kueterman/Post 0661/OH	
OFFICER OF THE DAY	1st St. Mary 0306/OH	New Hampshire
	2nd Jude Thaddeus 1675/OH	Illinois
	3rd American Martyrs 1772/NY	No Award

"PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER BILLY SORENSEN MEMORIAL AWARD"

Holy Rosary 274/PA -- (Post With Largest Percentage Increase)

"PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER THOMAS WALSH MEMORIAL AWARD"

St. Casimir 652/PA -- (Post With Largest Numerical Increase)

AMERICANISM NEWS MEDIA AWARD

Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr./MD

MOST OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC WAR VETERAN AWARD

Robert Desrochers - Rev. Louis A. Ramsay Post 1624/NH

MOST OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC WAR VETERAN POST AWARD

Jude Thaddeus Post 1675/OH

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS!!

DOLORES STADLER PAST NATIONAL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Baltimore, MD -- Dolores Stadler passed away April 24, 2009. Dolores was a life member of Old Town Auxiliary 1575 for over 25 years. She served four terms as Department of Maryland President (1991-95). She was the editor of Old Town Post and Auxiliary Newsletter and also the Department of Maryland's "Celtic" publication. Dolores was elected National President of the Auxiliary in 2003 and served two terms of office. The dedication and pride she upheld as National President was always done with the utmost respect and integrity. Dolores will be remembered for her kindness, hospitality, generosity and bright smile. She is survived by her beloved husband Charles (Smiley), a son, daughter and two grandchildren. *May she rest in peace.*



THREE NEW POSTS -- WELCOME ABOARD!

Okla. Memorial Post 168/Del City, OK -- -- Father Thomas F. B. Carroll 1953/Valley Stream, NY
St. Peter of the Fields 1954/Rootstown, OH



PHOTO CAPTION: Past Dpt Cmr Armindia Crawford presents charter to Ray Knispel, Commander of St. Peter of the Fields Post 1954 in Rootstown, Ohio. Officers for the Post are Adjutant Dave Moulton, 1st Vice Cmr George Mendiola, 2nd Vice Cmr Don Slusher, Treasurer Richard Rodenbucher, Trustee Robert Winkler and Chaplain Rev. David Misbrennar.

2009-10 NATIONAL BOARD OF OFFICERS

VETERANS: Bishop Protector: The Most Rev. Richard B. Higgins; National Commander: Fred P. Schwally; National Chaplain: Rev. Anthony Dell'Anno; 1st Vice Commander: Leo Haley; 2nd Vice Commander: Gene Hentkowski; 3rd Vice Commander: Armindia Crawford; Adjutant: Raymond Powers; Treasurer: William E. Hunt; Judge Advocate: R. Louis Gallagher, II; Welfare Officer: Daniel Martinez; Historian: Brian Irslinger; Officer of the Day: John Perka; **DIRECTORS:** Steve Jones, Donald Shelley, Walter Skwierz, James C. Finkel, Sr., Benjamin Nunez and George Crawford. Executive Director: Jose M. Garcia, PNC, Deputy Executive Director: Martin C. McFeaters, National Service Officer: Raymond J. Williams, National Liaison Officer: Gerald Kryznefski, PNC.

AUXILIARY: National Chaplain: Rev. George Boyle; National President: Lupita Martinez; 1st Vice President: Barbara Podbielniak; 2nd Vice President: Susan Ranno; 3rd Vice President: Evelyn Browning; Secretary: Bertha Gaona; Treasurer: Sophie Capan; Welfare Officer: Carolyn Krausch; Historian: Cecilia Garcia; Ritual Officer: Mary Palaia; **DIRECTORS:** Elizabeth Brennan, Lorraine Satterfield, Antoinette Auriemma.

2009-10 DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS & PRESIDENTS

CT Michael Ranno, Jr. & Judith Piskura; IL Joseph Vargo & Carlene May; MD John A. Jarosinski & Elizabeth Kruger; MI John Walsh & Nannette Hulst; NH John R. Dubay (No AUX Dpt); NJ Francis J. Kowalski & Bonnie J. Kowalski; NY Richard Dugal & Bridget M. Knapp; OH Larry Wulf & Barbara Pacer; PA Joseph Palaia & Donna Kramer; TX Jose Perez & Selena Driscoll; WI Raymond J. Woznick (No AUX Dpt).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 RECIPIENTS OF.....

ORDER OF ST. SEBASTIAN

Steve V. Jones, Bishop McLaughlin Post 1917/FL
Francis Kowalski, Holy Cross Post 417/NJ
Joseph Bosticco, Father Washington Post 1710/NJ

ORDER OF ST. AGNES

Antoinette Auriemma, Norristown Auxiliary 1182/PA
Noella Vermette, St. Marie Auxiliary 1749/NH

The medals are presented in recognition of a member's general overall exemplary service.

Thomas J. Cuite National Scholarship Recipients

Courtney M. Hulsart - South Amboy, NJ - - Heather L. Santel - Damiansville, IL
David M. Seaman - Parlin, NJ - - Andrea M. Szeszko - Jackson, NJ

Immaculate Conception Scholarship Recipient - - Matthew P. Hellman - Bartelso, IL

50/50 WINNERS - - John Rossell, Yonkers, NY was the winner of the April 23, 2009 drawing. John received a check in the amount of \$337.50. Elizabeth Brzezinski, Highland, Indiana, won the June 30th drawing. Elizabeth received \$430.00. Next drawing November 30, 2009. Tickets may be found on page 15.

Thank you for your support!

"SINCERE THANKS" to CWV Life Members and those members over the age of 85 who responded to our donation request!

NATIONAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Kareema Green - Post 0887/NY - - Colette Girard - Post 1341/NH - - Elissa Batiuk - Post 1419/PA

ESSAY CONTEST -Topic: What Does Veterans Day Mean to You?

Maggie Younginger - Post 1917/FL - - Tom Jones - Post 1222/OH - - John Bilenki - Post 0736/MD

EASTER POSTER CONTEST

Amanda Alexandre - Post 0887/NY - - Jackie Lee - Post 0766/MD - - Rachel Piazza - Post 1325/OH

WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR THE VETERANS DAY SWEEPSTAKES - - DRAWING - November 12, 2009

2009 National Convention Las Vegas, Nevada

Aug. '09 - - (L-R) National Executive Director Jose M. Garcia, Honorable Shelley Berkley, US House of Representatives; Rev. Gerard McNulty and Commander Post 1947 James McCawley.

(L-R) Joseph J. Palaia, PNC, Chairman of National Awards Committee; Robert J. Desrochers; and NH Department Commander John Dubay. Mr. Desrochers, a life member of Rev. Louis A. Ramsay Post 1624/NH, was the recipient of the *Most Outstanding Catholic War Veteran Award*, presented to the individual who has contributed most to the betterment of CWV.



OUR LADY OF PEACE POST 1947 LAS VEGAS, NV



Post 1947 and Auxiliary, hosted the Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, NV. In attendance were US Senator John Ensign and US Congresswomen Shelley Berkley.



Post 1947 Honor Guard awaiting Memorial Day Ceremony.



Post 1947's Food Program continues to feed many needy veterans, their families and others in the Las Vegas Community. Since the programs inception in Oct. '06 thru May '09, the Post has distributed over \$200,000 in goods. During Veteran's Homeless Stand-Down, 4,800 items were distributed to homeless veterans. Total dollar value of clothing and equipment was over \$129,000. Shown in photo: James McCawley, Commander of Post 1947.



Memorial Day - Arlington National Cemetery

(L-R) John Rowan, President, Vietnam Veterans of America and member of CWV St. Sebastian Post 870/NY; National Commander Gerald Kryzneski, Service Officer Ray Williams and National Executive Director Jose M. Garcia, PNC.

2009 CALENDAR WINNERS

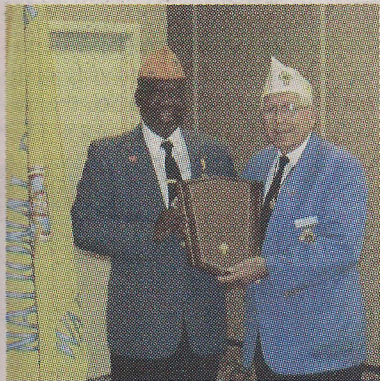
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1	765/NY	29/NV	53/NV
2	132/NY	1282/OH	262/WI
3	699/NJ	271/WI	442/MD
4	903/IL	105/NY	605/NJ
5	276/WI	1818/NJ	426/MI
6	148/NC	731/MI	241/FL
7	321/CT	880/MD	1613/TX
8	875/MD	1672/TX	1167NH
9	1209/OH	98/NV	1142/NV
10	1138/NH	1951/TX	1807/NJ
11	1188/NH	751/TX	658/NJ
12	1501/CT	1113/NH	1255/OH
13	1230/OH	417/NH	109/NY
14	461/MI	119/NY	1965/OH
15	212/FL	1798/TX	1715/TX
16	1073/FL	28/NV	320/CT
17	1622/TX1	1687/TX	404/VA
18	1194/NH	1353/OH	1407/VA
19	1622/TX	991/IL	430/VA
20	472/OH	778/TX	1724/TX
21	1344/OH	143/NY	148/NC
22	1549/OH	988/IL	1306/OH
23	1001/NH	1072/NH	1661/TX
24	1246/OH	1306/OH	1778/TX
25	808/MD	649/NJ	348/TX
26	1867/NJ	1718/TX	1180/NH
27	140/NY	540/OH	1363/OH
28	768/NY	17/NV	1722/TX
29	307/CT	793/PA	1600/TX
30	1523/CT	65/NV	229/FL
31		950/IL	1968/OH

CHECK THE WEBSITE (CWV.ORG) FOR DAILY DRAWINGS! If you would like to purchase a 2010 calendar, please contact your Department Commander, or Executive Director Jose Garcia phone: 512-447-4697.

2009 NATIONAL CONVENTION - Las Vegas, Nevada



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Here are brief excerpts from our latest Press Releases. Complete text is available from National Headquarters upon request, or they may be downloaded from our National Website at www.cwv.org

July 9, 2009 - CATHOLIC VETERANS SUPPORT THE MOJAVE DESERT VETERANS MEMORIAL - -

Catholic War Veterans of the United States offer our unwavering support of the legal efforts to defend the veterans memorial site known as the "Mojave Desert Veterans Memorial" in California.

The monument was erected in 1934 by U.S. military veterans of World War I to honor and remember all veterans who have given their life in war. The veterans chose to erect a simple white cross as the centerpiece for their memorial atop the rocks where they saw a distinct discoloration representing a WWI "Doughboy" figure. Since its erection by local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in 1934 members, and until 1984, it was cared for by one of the original participants. In 1984, and upon his request prior to his death, the care of the memorial was transferred to his close friend, a private non-veteran citizen of the area. To date, this citizen has held it as an honor to continue to care for the memorial.

In 1999, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) acted to have the memorial removed without success. In 2001 and on behalf of Frank Buono (who is described in the court record as a practicing Roman Catholic) the ACLU filed a federal lawsuit to force the memorial to be removed. Since that time the case has been appealed and is to be addressed by the Supreme Court later this year. The decision of the Supreme Court will decide the ultimate fate of the memorial.

As Roman Catholics and military veterans of this nation, we strongly urge the Supreme Court to reverse the decision of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in this case, and to protect for the benefit of future generations this veterans' memorial as it was originally erected in 1934. We call upon all citizens to assist in the legal defense efforts by spreading the word about this case and signing the petition located at the website: www.dont-tearmedown.com. The website is the product of Liberty Legal Institute of Plano, Texas, who is generously providing legal defense resources before the courts.

July 20, 2009 - CATHOLIC VETERANS CONCERNED ABOUT HEALTH CARE REFORM - -

As Congress continues to debate national health care reform, we are concerned about some measures currently being suggested for implementation. While recognizing the need for some form of national health care reform, we will not support any such legislation unless it contains the following criteria:

1. No federal or state funding for abortion services of any kind.
2. A clear provision supporting the rights of medical workers to refuse to perform any procedures that conflict with their moral and ethical conscience.

Additionally, we will not support any legislation if it does not meet the following criteria:

1. No state owned and operated health care insurance plan. State owned and operated essential services are defined as Socialism, and the first steps towards Communism. We are emphatically against the adoption of any forms of Socialism and Communism.
2. The total cost of the reform legislation should not result in an increase in government spending, national debt, or the need for higher tax rates as evaluated by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office.

It is essential that any proposed legislation be thoroughly reviewed by the public before any final vote is taken.

Sept. 28, 2009 - CATHOLIC VETERANS CONCERNED ABOUT THE LOSS OF RESOLVE TO WIN THE WAR ON TERROR - -

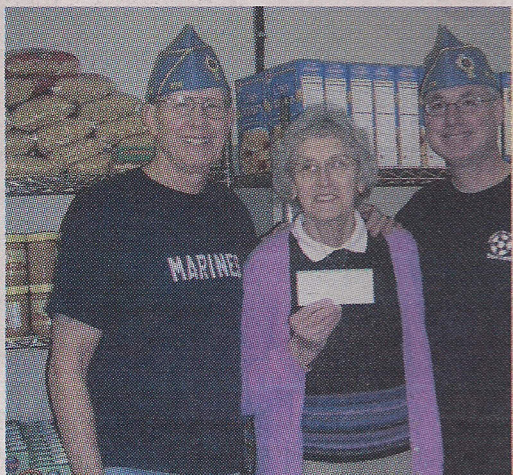
On September 11, 2001 the United States of America was suddenly and savagely attacked by Islamic Terrorists. By committing this act, the terrorists declared war on the United States of America. Our government responded to the attack by declaring a "War on Terror" and subsequently mobilized not only its own troops, but a broad coalition of troops from our allies to combat the terrorists on their home soil in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the surrounding areas.

It has been over eight years since the start of combat operations, and according to the Department of Defense casualty reports, over 4,000 brave service members have been killed in action, and over 35,000 have been wounded in action.

This week, it has been reported that the Commanding General of U.S. Forces operating in Afghanistan and its surrounds has asked the Pentagon to authorize an additional deployment of between 30,000 to 40,000 new troops to the area. General McChrystal has been quoted as saying the reason for the new request is that, "...failure to gain the initiative and reverse insurgent momentum in the near-term... risks an outcome where defeating the insurgency is no longer possible."

It is President Obama's duty to see to the welfare of every service member he deploys, and to provide for them the resources and governmental support necessary to obtain victory against any opposing forces in defense of our nation. We expect President Obama to do everything in his power to achieve victory for them and the United States of America in the War on Terror.





Milwaukee, WI - (L) Jerry Fliss, 3rd VC, and Rob Steffes, members of Queen of Peace Post 672 donated time (and a \$50 donation) at a local food pantry unloading delivery trucks and also helping with food distribution.



(L) Joseph Finley, Pottsville Post 1051/PA, Grand Marshal of city's Memorial Day Parade; Leo F. Haley, National 2nd Vice Commander and Parade Chairman. Joe will celebrate his 93rd birthday on Nov. 8th. *Happy birthday Joe!*



Gettysburg, PA - Fr. Krichten Post 1342/PA Commander Donald McMaster and Auxiliary President Anna McMaster present checks for support of Bonneauville Girl Scout Troop 784.



Holy Family Post 1683/PA members attend a Memorial Mass honoring fallen comrades at St. Philip Neri Church. (L-R) Commander Richard Tarmin, 3rd Vice Albert Sbei and 2nd Vice Ken Nadwodny.



Norristown Post 1182/PA members gather at St. Philip's Catholic Church for their annual Memorial Day Mass for deceased members and all veterans who served their country.



Northampton, PA - For God & Country Post 454 attended a Memorial Day Mass at Queenship of Mary Church. (Front Center) John Torok, Commander.



May '09 - Connecticut Convention (L-R) Chaplain Rev. Jack Hoak, 2nd VC & Convention Chairman Michael Kasinskas, Speaker, Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, National Commander Gerald Kryzneski and Michael Ranno, Department Commander.



May '09 - Memorial Day Service/Lt. Raymond J. Bowe Post 1466/CT (L-R) David Lafontaine, Michael Totoro Post Commander Walter Stachacz, PNC, Department President Judith Piskura.



April '09 - Illinois Convention - newly elected officers (L-R) Chaplain Rev. Kenneth York, National 3rd VC Sam Miller, Commander Joseph Vargo, President Carlene May and PNP Eleanor Farino.



May '09 - Lansing, MI - Newly elected officers of the Department of Michigan.



LTC (R) Ray Astor, **Fitzgerald-Moore Memorial Post 1841**, was Master of Ceremonies at Memorial Day Mass, St. Patrick Church, Havre de Grace, Maryland. Assisted by K of C Honor Guard.



Baltimore, MD - VA Awards were presented to those with 1,750 (or more) volunteer hours. (L-R) Dpt Commander John Jarosinski, Jean Jarosinski, Eleanor Mannarino, Thelma and Tom Bailey, PNC.



Photos Clockwise

Memorial Day - Dpt of New Hampshire - (L-R) Ray Lamy, Gerry Methot, Walter Skwierz, Roland Remillard and Robert Desrochers.

May '09 - Victoria, TX - Field of Healing Ceremony ... flags were placed and flown in remembrance of deceased veterans and wounded warriors. (L-R) Selina Driscoll, Toney Aguilar, Cecilia Garcia, Lupita Martinez, Carmen Nunez and TX Dpt Chaplain Stan DeBoe.

Color Guard of Our Lady of the Assumption Memorial Post 1612/NJ attended Mass at St. Stephen, Kearny, NJ, to honor the four World War II Chaplains who gave up their life preservers while the troop ship Dorchester was sinking. (L-R) Tom Bell, Arthur VanHorn, Most Rev. Edgar N. Dacunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, John Nicaretta and Frank Perrucci.

Middle Village, NY - Commander Ralph Rosa and President Ann Hueser of St. Margaret's Post 1172 & Auxiliary, place a wreath on Memorial Day at the veterans monument.

Brooklyn, NY - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Post 5 recognized local hometown hero, 68th Precinct Police Officer Susan Porcello, for her unselfish act of adopting Gaspar Musso, a retired Marine war veteran as her "grandpa" and paying for his funeral when she learned he was going to be buried in Potter's Field. Porcello was awarded a Certificate of Honor that features the U.S.S. New York, which incorporates in its construction steel from the World Trade Center rubble.

Memorial Day Parade - Fr. Washington Post 1710/NJ joined the line of march in Ed McCabe's vintage car. (L-R) Jim Brennan, Ed McCabe, Aldo Bottani, Jim Sansevero and Budd Melanson.



ITEMS of INTEREST . . .

LADIES PENNSYLVANIA SLOVAK CATHOLIC UNION

Sincere thanks to the members of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union for their generous contribution of \$310.00 to the Catholic War Veterans, U.S.A. This is the fourth year that we were chosen to be the recipient of these donations. *Thank you Cecilia Gaughan, Fraternal Activity Director!*

THE CITIZENS FLAG ALLIANCE, INC.

The flag protection amendment was lost by a single Senate vote in the 109th Congress. Efforts at gathering momentum in the current Congress are again underway.

Early this year, Rep. Jo Ann Emerson of Missouri introduced H.J. 47; it has 64 cosponsors. Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana introduced S.J. Res. 15; it has 25 cosponsors. The language for both is identical: "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

Please contact your respective Representative and Senator and urge support for the flag protection amendments in both chambers.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 16-21, 2009

EXAMINING OUR ROOTS - - Resolve to have our National Historian prepare and present a detailed report to the National Convention upon the 75th Anniversary of our founding in 2010. The report will recount the historical actions taken, and speeches given by our founders prior to the founding, and first 25 year history of the Catholic War Veterans. Upon completion, a copy of the report will be sent to all echelons for their use in reviving a true understanding and appreciation for our roots within all members.

PROMOTION OF GREATER TEAMWORK WITH THE MILITARY ARCHDIOCESE - - Resolve to proactively work with our Bishop Protector and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A., to develop and fund a mutually agreed upon marketing strategy of both organizations to our active duty, reserve, and National Guard service members.

POW/MIA PUBLIC AWARENESS - - It is imperative that the American people never forget the U.S. military service members that are still unaccounted for from all

wars and conflicts; and the Catholic War Veterans responsible to keep its subordinate units and membership informed on current POW/MIA issue developments; and it is our duty to keep the POW/MIA issue in the forefront of the public conscience; let us continue to provide routine distribution to the field of pertinent credible and responsible information and reports; and that each Department, Chapter and Post is encouraged to exercise maximum effort to maintain the vitality and thrust of the POW/MIA program and appoint an interested member to act as the POW/MIA project officer or committee chairman; and that we support the annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day and encourage the display and daily flying of the POW/MIA flag.

MEDICAL TREATMENT - - There have been many news reports of poor medical treatment provided to our servicemen and women who were injured while in the service of our nation; and that our wounded service personnel should receive the highest degree of medical attention as the expense of the taxpayer. Let us petition the President, his cabinet and our Congress to fully fund the very best medical care and attention for our wounded service people.



Memorial Day 2009 - Paul & Jacques Martin Post 165 participated in the 8:30 a.m. mass at St. James Church Falls Church, Virginia, with a color guard. (L-R) John Perka, Jerry Gibbon, Rev. Daniel Henley, Parochial Vicar, Post Commander Marvin McFeaters, Pastor Patrick Posey, Richard Terwilliger and Frank Cree. Post 1652 hosted a reception following the mass and later participated in the Falls Church City ceremony where Commander McFeaters served as Master of Ceremonies. A full and satisfying day for the local Catholic War Veterans and their families!

50/50 Drawing - 30 November 2009**(TO REDUCE OPERATING EXPENSE AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS - Make Copies for Friends/Family)****50/50 Drawing - 30 November 2009****MAIL YOUR DONATION & ENTRY TO:**

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NATIONAL AWARD PRESENTATION



On July 1, 2009, the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, was pleased and proud to present a National Award plaque to William J. Lockwood, Commander, Msgr. Thomas Zinkand Memorial Post 1837/MD, commending him for his many years of dedicated service to the Catholic War Veterans. Bill, a patient at Perry Point VA Medical Center, Perry Point, Maryland, was completely at a loss for words upon the surprise presentation. He was told there would be a special Mass for World War II veterans in the Chapel and Doris, his wife, asked him to wear his CWV cap. Needless to say, Bill was stunned to learn that the ceremony was for him!

Shown in photo (L-R): Raymond Astor, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Lizer, Rev. Michael Orchick, Rev. Mark Oguamanan (Chaplain/Perry Point), Joseph Hiltz, James M. Gay, Jr., Rev. Conan Timoney (Chaplain/Perry Point) Bill Lockwood (seated) and Doris Lockwood.

We are saddened to inform you, that Bill passed away on September 15th - may he rest in peace.